

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

—So called long and belly length putters offer many golfers the potential to achieve a smoother more pendulum like putting stroke advantageously improving the golfers likelihood of making a putt. The primary disadvantage of a long and/or ~~belly~~ ~~putter~~ ~~belly~~ length putter is that a golfer must be properly fitted to be comfortable when using the putter in order to achieve a beneficial result. Further, some long putters may be too long to facilitate ease of storage and/or storage for the purpose of transportation. The present invention is an improvement over the prior art wherein threaded shafts, jam nuts, detent pins, tapered shanks, collapsible shafts, lock nuts, threaded pins, removable grips, compression rings, conical bushings, locking pins, and set screws or combinations thereof are used as the primary means of adjustment for fitting or connection of the upper and lower shaft segments of a long or ~~belly~~ ~~putter~~ ~~belly~~ length putter. These mechanisms are of unnecessarily complicated design, and in some cases lacking user friendliness and may be illegal for play in accordance with the United States Golf Association and or the Royal and Ancient Rules of Golf of Saint Andrews, Scotland or the Royal Canadian Golf Association.—

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

— It has been the applicant's observation that a legal-for-play, user friendly fitment system could satisfy both golfers' demands and retailers' reservations thereby bringing long and belly length putters to mainstream golfing. Additionally, a ~~belly~~ ~~putter~~ ~~belly~~ length putter fitment system could be used to arrive at an overall length measurement for a single long grip ~~belly~~ ~~putter~~ ~~belly~~ length putter.—

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

— The group of upper shafts may include upper shafts having lengths ranging from 6.5 inches and longer. The group of lower shafts may include belly length putters having

lengths ranging from eighteen inches and longer, and ~~long-style~~long putters having lengths ranging from eighteen inches and longer.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The annular flange may be of non round cross section mating with a corresponding non round relief in the receiver section. The non round annular flange may be asymmetric and the female flange relief may have a corresponding asymmetry. For example, the annular flange may include ~~includes~~ a singular axis asymmetrical non round cross section in which case the female flange relief has a corresponding singular axis asymmetrical non round relief. wherein tThe annular flange may also include ~~includes~~ a bi axis asymmetrical non round cross section in which case the female flange relief has a corresponding bi axis asymmetrical relief, wherein t--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Figure 1 is, in side elevation partially cut away view, a long or belly ~~putter~~length putter shaft of the long and belly length putter shaft fitment system of the present invention.--

Please replace the paragraphs beginning at page 9, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Figure 8 is a fitment table according to an aspect of the long and belly ~~length~~length putter shaft fitment system of the present invention.--

Detailed Description of Embodiments of the Invention

As seen in Figure 1, putter 10 includes upper shaft component 12 mounted interchangeably to lower shaft component 14 by means of a coupler 16. Shaft components 12 and 14 may be of various lengths to allow proper fitment and use of putter 10 as a long putter or

~~belly putterbelly length putter.~~ The ends of coupler 16 are sized to fit within the inner diameter of the hollow ends of shafts 12 and 14. The coupler includes an upper bolt section 16a, a lower receiver section 16b, and a threaded sliding collar 16c.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

—The table illustrated in Figure 8 is an example of the variety of combinations of common putter sizes which may be accommodated according to the present invention. Thus in the illustrated example, not intended to be limiting, sixteen upper shaft lengths ranging from five to twenty inches, may be interchangeably combined with fourteen lower shaft lengths and styles (twenty-eight to thirty-six inch belly length and thirty-four to forty-two inch ~~long~~ ^{temp} style long length) for a tabulated total of two hundred twenty-four combinations afforded a retailer or pro-shop by the retention of a stock of merely 30 pieces. Thus a retailer merely has to use a fitment table such as illustrated in Figure 8 to allow the fitment of appropriate upper and lower sections for a particular user, each such combination having its own unique fitment code. The fitment code for a particular user might for example be retained in a data base for later use in fitting new putters to the particular user.—